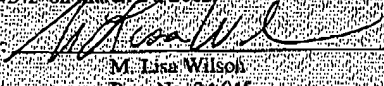


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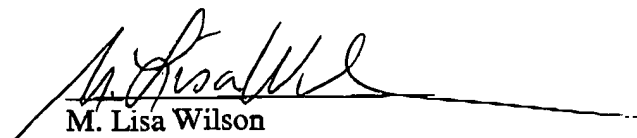
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully requests that the period for responding to the Office Action dated September 24, 2002, be extended for three months from December 24, 2002 to March 24, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the three month extension of time fee of \$930 from Deposit Account No. 08-0219. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to the Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

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